

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LATE CONGRESSMAN JOHN H.
ADLER

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend the late Cherry Hill, New Jersey resident, Congressman John H. Adler at the John H. Adler Memorial Park Dedication.

The late Congressman John Adler grew up in Haddonfield, New Jersey where his father owned a small dry-cleaning store, attended Haddonfield public schools and graduated from Haddonfield Memorial High School. He went on to attend Harvard University where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government, and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School. John met his wife Shelley in law school and after they graduated, they returned to South Jersey and settled down in Cherry Hill.

In 1988 Adler began serving on the Cherry Hill Township Council where he passed the Township's ethics ordinance, was committed to strengthening Cherry Hill schools and improving health care. In 1991, Adler ran for a seat in the New Jersey Senate, representing New Jersey's Sixth Legislative District and won the election. He served as a New Jersey State Senator from 1992 to 2009. During his time in the New Jersey Senate, Adler served on the Judiciary Committee as Chair, the Environment Committee, and sponsored vital legislation designed to address key environmental and health related issues, including the Smoke-Free Air Act that banned smoking in most public places. He also championed major ethics reforms, support for children and adults with disabilities and laws that made our state and communities safer.

In 2008, Adler ran for the State of New Jersey's Third Congressional District seat and won the election. This was the first time a Democrat held that seat in over one hundred years. He was sworn into office in January 2009 and served on the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Veteran's Affairs. During his tenure he spearheaded legislation to support our veterans and seniors, protect women's healthcare, help working families, protect consumers, and end the Great Recession.

In 2011 Adler suddenly passed away. He is survived by his wife Shelley, and their four sons, Jeffrey, Alex, Andrew, and Oliver. In 2011, Shelley Adler started the John H. Adler Memorial Fund for Veterans' Affairs at Harvard University, which supports interdisciplinary research and programs intended to promote effective governmental policy as it relates to veterans.

On November 2, 2019 the Camden County Board of Freeholders will dedicate the John H. Adler Memorial Park at Challenge Grove to commemorate Adler's life and dedication to public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the late Congressman John Adler, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a dedicated public servant who fought tirelessly for the people of New Jersey for more than two decades.

HONORING GLEN OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Glen Oaks Elementary School in Hickory Hills, Illinois, for being honored with the prestigious 2019 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. The award was conferred under the Exemplary High Performing Schools category.

In 1982, the U.S. Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize public and private schools boasting high or significantly improved achievement. I am proud that Glen Oaks Elementary School of Hickory Hills, Illinois, has been honored as one of those exceptional schools.

This is not the first time Glen Oaks Elementary School has been honored for excellence in education. In 2012, Glen Oaks was designated for the first time as a National Blue Ribbon School. This year, Glen Oaks Elementary School has been recognized for performance in the top ten percent of all Illinois schools, and has also received a designation of exemplary from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Under the direction of District Superintendent Dr. Jeannie Stachowiak, School Principal Kristin Reingruber, and Assistant Principal Carla Braun, teachers implement a collaborative approach to classroom learning that facilitates individual growth. The teachers are committed to Glen Oak Elementary School's mission for every student to realize their full potential as a socially responsible life-long learner. The Glen Oaks Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program and the Academic Student Success Enrichment Teams (ASSETS) developed by teachers and administrators have also had a positive impact on student achievement.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Glen Oaks Elementary School for this remarkable achievement and recognizing the teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community for the hard work that they have put in to earn this award.

HONORING RIVER ROUGE POLICE LIEUTENANT RON GUFFEY

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Lieutenant Ron Guffey who served on the City of River Rouge's Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

During his twenty-three years with the police force, Lieutenant Guffey has served with dedication and bravery. He first joined the City of River Rouge's Police Department as a patrol officer in 1996. Lieutenant Guffey served the force in several capacities and rose through the ranks, serving as Corporal, Detective, and Sergeant before ultimately retiring as Lieutenant. Lieutenant Guffey's presence will be missed and is a loss for the community and the City of River Rouge.

In short, Lieutenant Guffey has served bravely and nobly. Please join me in saluting him for his twenty-three years of public service as we wish him well on his retirement.

550TH BIRTHDAY OF SIKH GURU NANAK

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special day for the Hoosier Sikh Community: the 550th birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism. This occasion will be celebrated by more than 25,000,000 Sikhs worldwide on November 12, 2019.

Indiana is proud to be home to over 10,000 Sikhs that enrich our communities and embody the meaning of Hoosier values.

Hoosier Sikhs are one of the fastest growing business communities in Indiana, and their contributions to our economy and culture are valued.

On this day I am proud to stand with our friends in the Sikh community by offering legislation to celebrate this momentous occasion and honor their contributions to Indiana and to our great nation.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND ROOSEVELT CARTER, I

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, Jr.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Man of God, a devoted spiritual leader, and dear friend of longstanding, Reverend Roosevelt Carter, I, who retired from his role as Senior

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Pastor of First Monumental Faith Ministries in Albany, Georgia after over three decades of selfless service and was honored on Saturday, November 9, 2019, at 5:00 pm.

In 1984, Reverend Carter answered the call to preach the word of God and founded First Monumental Faith Ministries alongside his wife, First Lady, and Co-Pastor, LaVerne Shinault Carter. For the past 35 years, Rev. Carter has been the shepherd at First Monumental where he has ministered to the needs of his flock christening babies, baptizing believers, performing marriages, and consoling bereaved families while developing and honing his skills as a church administrator and inspiring spiritual leader. Under The Carters' dynamic and spirit-filled leadership, First Monumental Faith Ministries has experienced tremendous growth. But most importantly, under their leadership, First Monumental has been a beacon of hope and salvation for the congregation through its many ministries that share the good news of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Outside of the church, Reverend Carter has also proved himself a true servant of the community in which he lives. His drive led him to organize First Monumental Community Outreach, Inc. (FMCO) to help provide services to those in need. By utilizing its access to government grants, FMCO opened "Job's Place", the first assistance program for persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in the Dougherty County area. Reverend Carter and FMCO also joined forces with the City of Albany & the Dougherty County Coalition to help end homelessness by leading the charge to acquire government funding from the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) to support and transition over 15 families to self-sustainable living. Furthermore, Reverend Carter also extended the reach of First Monumental Faith Ministries through the Monumental Development Center and the Fluff-n-Fold Laundromat to aid in job creation for residents in the community.

Reverend Carter has achieved much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and the support of his loving wife, LaVerne, and his children, Roosevelt, Jr., Roderald, Lorenzo, and Renorta.

On a personal note, I have been blessed by Reverend Carter's sage counsel and enduring friendship over the time that I have known him. He has always encouraged and supported me during my career in Congress and, I am proud to call him my friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Reverend Roosevelt Carter, I on the occasion of his retirement and in congratulating him for 35 outstanding years of leadership at First Monumental Faith Ministries, and for a lifetime of selfless service to God, the church, and to humankind.

HONORING MARINE RETIRED CWO-3 WARRANT OFFICER DANIEL PAYNE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Mr. Daniel "Dan" Payne as he is honored as the 2019 Grand Marshal for the 100th Anniversary of the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade (CVVDP). Dan has dedicated his life to his country and the people of the Central Valley.

Dan was born in San Jose, California to Frank and Ubelia Payne on August 16, 1954. He attended local schools while working in the fields picking apricots and other fruits. He attended college but soon changed course. He enlisted into the Marine Corps in 1973, inspired by a television commercial about the branch. Dan told his then-girlfriend and now wife of 43 years Mary, that he was going to enlist the next day. He served as an enlisted member for 12 years, achieving the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. In 1986, he applied for Officers Candidates School and was accepted in February 1987. Despite severely injuring his knee, Dan continued his training to become an officer, graduating that same year.

Dan attended Electronics Radar Pulse Acquisitions Control HAWK Guided Missile, Command and Control Electronics Tech HAWK Guided Missile, HAWK Guided Missile Systems Tech, and Tactical Basics School TBS Quantico, Virginia. He has an associate degree in Law Enforcement, Missiles and Munitions, and an Electrical Engineering degree from Trinity University. A Decorated Desert Storm Veteran, Dan was the first Hispanic Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) in the HAWK Guided Missile field in the Marine Corps.

During his time in the Marines, Dan was a boxer and played multiple sports. He trained in Shotokan while he was in Japan and earned 4 black belts. He was named in Who's Who of Martial Arts and fought many different fighters, including Chuck Norris.

After being deployed and stationed around the world, Dan's last stop was in Fresno, California where he and his wife Mary, and two daughters Rebecca and Rachel, settled. In 1996, Dan retired as CWO-3 and began teaching at Fresno City College Training Institute. He was awarded the Center for Applied Competitive Technology (CACT) Teacher's Award in 1998. Dan was an ordained pastor while he was in the Marines and decided to continue this path after retirement.

Dan is also the founder and CEO of Cable Links Construction. The construction firm provides training for Lucent, Siecor, 3-M Amp, and other telecommunication companies. Their specialties are in fiber optics and high-speed copper cable. Over the years, Cable Links has also expanded into construction. Since its founding 20 years ago, Cable Links has grown into a successful small-business in the Central Valley. It has been featured in the Fresno Bee as one of the fastest-growing companies in the Central Valley, and twice was mentioned in Inc Magazine as one of the fastest-growing companies in the United States.

Following his retirement from the Marine Corps, Dan has served his community. Some of his many contributions include leading mis-

sion trips to Mexico for New Covenant Community Church for 15 years, and as music leader for Celebrate Recovery 12-Step Program. He was Co-Chair for Toys-for-Tots in 2011, Chairman of Central Valley Veterans K-9 fundraising for 11 years, Post Commander for American Legion Post 4, Executive Director of the California Veterans Action Alliance, Board Member of the Central Valley Veterans Retirement Home, and CEO since 2010 and announcer of the CVVDP since 2003.

Throughout his career Dan has received recognition, including as local television affiliate KSEE24's Hispanic Portrait of Success recipient in 1999; 2002 Business Man of the Year; honored with his 3 brothers and 2 sisters as the La Familia Silicon Valley Hispanic Veteran and Community Family of the Year in 2010; Guest of Honor for the Marine Corps Ball; the Gold Medal for volunteer work by President Bush in 2002; appointed to President George W. Bush's tax Sub-Committee.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to congratulate CWO-3 Warrant Officer Dan Payne as he celebrates his last year as CEO of the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade and is honored as their Grand Marshal. I have had the honor to work with Dan for over 20 years and he is more than well-deserved of this recognition. I ask that you join me in wishing Dan and his family continued success, health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING JANE LOIS WELLER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jane Lois Weller of Huntington Beach for her service to our country during World War II and to honor her recent 100th birthday. Born in Chicago just after World War I and raised during the Great Depression, Ms. Weller bore witness to some of the most tumultuous times in our nation's history. By virtue of this upbringing, and because of what many would call an ambitious spirit, Ms. Weller went on to lead a life dedicated to service, both to her country and to her family.

Just one year after graduating from Nursing School at the Evangelical Hospital in Chicago, Ms. Weller enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in December 1942. After completing flight school at Bowman Field in Kentucky, she was stationed at Hickam Field on Oahu, Hawaii.

From Hawaii to the Mariana Islands to the Solomon Islands to the Philippines, Ms. Weller bravely risked her life to tend to many soldiers wounded on the frontlines. For her valiant service in active combat zones throughout the Pacific Theater, Ms. Weller was awarded two Bronze Stars.

After the war, Ms. Weller graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, continued to serve as nurse in the public sector, and raised her three children. She has always kept an active mind, enjoying hobbies including astronomy, biblical and classical studies, knitting, jazz piano, singing, and more. I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the remarkable life and service of Jane Lois Weller on the occasion of her recent 100th birthday.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF MR. GEORGE ARNOLD

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, George Arnold's 100th birthday.

George Daniel Arnold was born in Reidsville, Georgia, to Joseph James and Susie Snell Arnold. The youngest of ten, he was affectionately nicknamed GD by his older siblings. George graduated from Dorchester Academy where he received training as a plasterer. After graduation, George left home and traveled through the south, practicing his trade until 1943.

The lure of better opportunities convinced him to join his brothers in Detroit, Michigan. Once in Detroit, he quickly became part of the community by joining Aijlon Baptist Church. Today he is one of Aijlon's longest serving ushers, sitting on the usher board since 1946. In 1943 he also joined the King David Grand Lodge and is a dedicated member to this day. He has earned many titles of distinction such as, 33rd degree Mason, Past Grand Lecturer, Worshipful Master, Shriner, and Knight of the Temple. His past and current positions include Dean of the Most Worshipful Institute of Learning and Past Instructor of the Most Worshipful Institute of Learning, which in August of this year was renamed the George D. Arnold Institute of Learning in recognition for his devoted service to his Masonic Brothers. As part of his continual service, George also performs burial ceremonies in Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, and Grand Rapids.

In short, Mr. Arnold is a dedicated family man, business owner, and Michigander and we are excited to honor him on his 100th birthday.

HONORING THE 2019 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2019 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities.

During the last 50 years women have made great strides in America. It used to be almost unheard of to see women as elected officials, CEOs, senior military officials, doctors or attorneys, but today many of our most successful leaders in the world are women. This progress has not come easy and many women before you have worked hard and strived to achieve the independence and rights you have today. I realize there is more work to be done to ensure that women have equal pay, flexible work schedules and affordable education. Each of the honorees will be a vital part of the future successes for women.

2019's Women of the Year are:

Kellie Geweke Sheeran is a Sutter County native who has worked continuously to give back to her community. A Yuba City High School graduate, Kellie graduated from Chico State with a degree in Organizational Communications before returning home in 2003 to join the family business at Geweke Ford Kia Collision. Over the years, Kellie has contributed tremendously through her family's non-profit organization, Geweke's Caring for Women Foundation, where she served as Director from 2008 to 2010. This organization financially assists local women facing cancer, having now provided over 10,000 women low-cost mammograms and women's health screenings. Under her leadership, the Geweke's Caring for Women Foundation has helped over 430 cancer survivors through numerous grants. Beyond her work with her family's foundation, she has been a steadfast advocate for breast cancer awareness, co-chairing the Pink October Race for Awareness for the last 12 years alongside her sister. Kellie is also an active member of Early Risers Kiwanis and has supported Beale Airforce Base as part of the Beale Military Liaison Council for 10 years, where she has been an honorary commander since 2011. Kellie's passion and dedication make her an invaluable member of the Yuba-Sutter community.

Joyce Hammond is a dedicated educator who has educated thousands of students on topics of health and nutrition. With 24 years of service to the Yuba City Unified School District, she has made a lasting impact on the community. Recently, Joyce has partnered with Sutter County Public Health and CalFresh to promote healthy and active lifestyles by teaching her students about good nutrition and how to make healthy choices through the CalFresh Healthy Living Program. Joyce's invaluable experience in education coupled with her expertise in nutrition has allowed her to seamlessly introduce this new program into her Childhood Development, Early Childhood Careers and Life Management, and Nutritional Science classes. Joyce also takes the time to serve as a co-advisor to the campus Family and Consumer Science Club where she encourages her students to participate in the healthy living program. Joyce's passion, commitment, and professionalism have been a source of inspiration to her colleagues who admire her determination to provide her students with the skills that will help them lead healthy lives for years to come. Joyce's tireless work to improve the quality of life for her students and their families will leave a lasting impact on her community.

Ms. Kathleen Heeren served her country in the United States Army and, following her honorable discharge, continued her life of service by devoting her time to advocating on behalf of her fellow veterans. She is a lifetime member of the American Legion, where she has volunteered for over 21 years. Over the years, Kathleen has served as Commander of the Vacaville American Legion Post 165, Commander of the American Legion 5th District, and the Women Veteran's Representative to the California American Legion. She now serves as the Women Veteran's Representative to the Vacaville Soroptimist International where she has been a member for over 10 years and given her time to a number of committees within the organization. Her generosity and volunteer work have extended to many

youth programs in her community including the Vanden High School JROTC program, local Boy Scout troops, and the American Legion Boys and Girls State programs. Kathleen has truly lived a life of service, wearing the uniform for her country before going on to honor the men and women who served before, after, and alongside her through her work with veteran organizations. Kathleen is an integral part of the Vacaville veteran community and has touched the lives of many.

Kelly Heung has committed her life to helping children of all abilities and backgrounds thrive. Through her many professional and volunteer positions, Kelly has dedicated countless hours to supporting children in her community. Throughout her career she has devoted herself to understanding and meeting the needs of children and has lived that commitment in all her professional and personal actions. Having earned her PhD in Human Development, Kelly became an authority on autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders and now uses her expertise to mentor future leaders in the field. She has also become an active advocate for education in Yolo County, volunteering her time with the Superintendent Parent Advisory Committee, Davis Parent University Board, Davis Joint Unified School District Strategic Planning Committee, Davis Schools Foundation, Parent Teacher Association, and multiple School Site Councils. Kelly has used her positions within all of these organizations to champion the interests of underserved children and ensure equitable treatment for all students throughout her community. Kelly has inspired others with her compassion, conscientiousness, and commitment to being the voice for children who are unable to advocate for themselves. She is generous with her time, energy, and kindness, and is a devoted mother, wife, daughter, and friend.

Rosemary Hicks is a dedicated advocate for children and families in her community. For 42 years, Rosemary has been a devoted part of the Colusa Unified School District. As a former para-educator and current administrative assistant to the Principal of Burchfield Primary School, Rosemary has touched the lives of so many children, teachers, and families. She is known throughout her community as someone who will always find a way to help a family in need. Around the holidays Rosemary is a driving force behind countless community food, clothing, and shoe drives, as well as Toys for Tots programs. She has also served her community through leadership positions in organizations such as the Colusa Little League, IMPACT Thrift Store, the Catholic Ladies Auxiliary, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and many more. She is also an active member of the California School Employees Association where she has been a strong advocate for her colleagues. Through her tireless work and dedication to helping others, Rosemary has become a pillar of support for families and children in Colusa. She is known by everyone in Colusa as the heart and soul of the Colusa Unified School District and the community at large.

Jaye Hurt is dedicated to giving back to the men and women who serve our country and the families who support them. Through her work as the Team Lead at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Jaye is highly respected and admired for her constant dedication to ensuring that our Airmen and their families get the services and support that they

need. As Team Lead, Jaye has provided oversight to key support programs that have helped over 73,000 military personnel. She coordinated the Monthly Hearts Apart Program, which provided activities for children and social emotional support for spouses of deployed troops. Jaye has focused many of her efforts on supporting troops and their families during deployment. She facilitated over 50 pre-deployment briefings and ensured that family members felt prepared and supported by the base community. She organized a Deployer Care project that sent more than 400 care packages to deployed troops. She has also worked with local community leaders to ensure viable employment opportunities for Military Spouses. Jaye was also the driving force behind the Annual Base Freedom Walk, where her coordination efforts resulted in the participation of more than 900 students. She also played a role in starting the Travis Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Alliance, is a founding member of the Special Needs Task Force for families with exceptional family members, is a Traumatic Stress Response Team member, and oversees many other support services encompassed by the Diversity Working Group. Through her commitment to excellence and continual support, Jaye has changed the lives of thousands of military personnel and their families.

Erica Hurtado has dedicated herself to improving the lives of children within her community. As a member of the Founding Families for the Dixon Montessori Charter School, Erica assisted in setting up classrooms, offices, and other sites around the campus in preparation for the first school year. For years, she donated her time and skill as a professional photographer to capture photos of students and staff. It was during this time that Erica joined the DMCS board of directors where she is still active today. Erica also helped form the first Dixon Little League Challengers Team, which gave children with cognitive and physical disabilities the opportunity to fulfill their dreams of participating in a team sport. After receiving immense support for the organization from the community, Erica was inspired to create T.E.A.M. Dixon with the emphasis that "Together Everyone Always Matters." In founding this non-profit organization, Erica was instrumental in helping to break down barriers facing those with special needs while simultaneously helping to build their confidence and increase community awareness and understanding. T.E.A.M. Dixon's mission, with the help of Erica's vision and generosity, has spread to nearby towns where they wish to bring the same compassion and kindness to their community. Through her hard work and dedication, Erica has had a positive impact on the lives of countless children in her community.

Roberta James is an active member of her community who has devoted her time to promoting education, reading, and an appreciation for the arts and literature in Colusa. As an educator, she dedicated her career to keeping students engaged in their education, working with families, and mentoring new teachers. Ten years ago, Roberta founded the Virginia Yerxa Community Read and formed a committee of women who established the first one-book project in Colusa County, doing so in memory of another Colusa woman who was a tireless advocate for literacy. Every year, a new book selection is chosen to shine a light

on different areas of the community. Several events are planned throughout the year that bring everyone together to share their interests and experiences through a shared appreciation of that year's book. Thanks to Roberta's commitment to the project, the Virginia Read has become part of the fabric of the Colusa community. Roberta still teaches part time while using the rest of her time to focus on art. She founded an Artist-in-Residence program which offers a space for artists to work on their craft in exchange for sharing their talents with the local community. Through this program and her support of the Colusa County Arts Council, Roberta works to promote her community as a destination for those interested in the arts. Roberta is an integral member of her community, consistently finding and addressing the needs of Colusa.

Mary Rose Kennedy has devoted her career and personal life to caring for and educating children. A mother of five, retired teacher, and current classroom volunteer, Mary Rose has touched the lives of countless children in her community. Having retired after more than 25 years of service to the Orland Unified School District, she now has the pleasure of seeing the impact she has made on her community when she is fondly greeted by her former students. Mary Rose was a strong and dedicated educator who was honored as a Glenn County Teacher of the Year, and later inducted into the Glenn County Educator's Hall of Fame. Though now retired, she continues to volunteer her time in classrooms helping children learn the joy of reading. Her volunteer work also extends beyond the classroom where she uses her grant writing skills to help secure funding for community organizations such as the Orland Arts Commission, the Orland Beautification Committee, and a local club providing scholarships to deserving high school students. Mary Rose is an integral member of the Orland community and has played a vital role in its improvement and growth.

Through her diligent dedication to her community, Juantia Menefee has become an unwavering pillar of support for those in her community with the greatest need. She has devoted her career to serving those in need of housing assistance and ensuring they receive the services they need. Through her work with Volunteers for America, Juantia became part of a national network of service organizations providing life altering support to 1.5 million people every year. She has also worked with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to help underprivileged individuals and families find affordable housing and employment. Juantia also volunteers with arts and reading programs at local schools, working to ensure that the students within her community are engaged and successful in their academic endeavors. Juantia's service to her community can be seen in everything she does, from her career path to her volunteer work, she devotes her time to serving others.

Glenda Nelson was born and raised on Enterprise Rancheria, instilled with the importance of honor and duty in serving her Native People. She surmounted many hardships before becoming one of the first Native American women to graduate college. Glenda then used her voice and her education to protect the Rancheria Lands and the sovereign rights of indigenous peoples, leading to her eventual election to the Tribal Council. Her desire to serve expanded to active involvement in polit-

ical advocacy at the state and federal level, where she provided testimony on legislation and advocated for increased funding, protection of tribal sovereignty, and protection of the Indian Child Welfare Act. She has served as a delegate to the California Nations Indian Gaming Association and the National Congress of the American Indians. Glenda played an integral role in developing educational programs and participated in the founding of the Ipakanni Early College Charter School. Glenda has fought on behalf of her community on every issue, serving as a member of the Board of Directors for Feather River Tribal Health, a board member for the Enterprise Rancheria Indian Housing Authority, a delegate to the National American Indian Housing Council, and a delegate to the California Tribal Families Coalition. After years of hard work and leadership, together with the Tribal Council, Glenda is credited with creating hundreds of jobs in the region by making the vision of opening a casino in Yuba County a reality. Glenda's passionate and effective advocacy on behalf of her community will have a lasting impact for generations to come.

Pat Nicodemus has spent the last 35 years serving her community and working to improve the lives of some of the most disadvantaged populations. Early in her career, Pat helped found an emergency foster program where she helped recruit and prepare families to adopt drug exposed infants, ensuring a safe place for children facing unimaginable challenges. Later in her career she began to work on decreasing recidivism by helping incarcerated individuals access parenting classes, drug treatment programs, and other educational services essential for survival outside of the prison system. Pat co-founded the Women's ReEntry and Achievement Program, a program to guide incarcerated women to address their past trauma, deal with their addictions, and have the best possible chance to become productive members of their communities. Through this program, Pat has helped hundreds of women and their families lift themselves into prosperity. Her compassion, wisdom, patience, and devotion to serving women and families has transformed many lives and her positive impact on her community will span generations.

Vangie Porras has been an integral part of her community of Glenn County and has served in some form since 1989. As one of the first Latino students welcomed into the Orland School district, Vangie faced stark challenges to having her voice heard. But that didn't stop her from finding ways to become involved in her community. Vangie began her path of service at the Democratic Party booth at the Glenn County Fair in 1989. From there she eventually became treasurer of the Glenn County Democratic Party, holding the organization together with her many years of hard work and well-earned wisdom. Outside politics, Vangie Porras expanded her portfolio of service to the Orland Unified School Board and the Glenn County Fair Board. Her work ensured that current students never had to face the same challenges she faced in Glenn County and held together a tightly knit county fair community. Vangie Porras has become a permanent fixture of public service in Glenn County. On behalf of the people of Orland and the 3rd Congressional District, I offer Vangie Porras my congratulations and well wishes for her future endeavors.

Navneet Randhawa is a dedicated community servant who has routinely taken the time to reach out to people in need and bring communities together. In 2012 Navneet participated in the Sutter County Library's Citizenship Preparation class, where she learned of their Literacy Services Program. She was interested in the opportunity to give back to the library and volunteered a tutor for ESL students with the lowest reading levels. Colleagues and students alike attest to her friendly and welcoming manner as she provided critical assistance with the program. Navneet also worked tirelessly for Casa de Esperanza, a shelter, counseling, advocacy, and education facility for adult and child survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking. Through her work as a bi-lingual counselor advocate she was instrumental in bridging the gap between the organization and her Southeast Asian community, helping Casa de Esperanza reach more people in need of their services. She also worked to help her colleagues better understand her culture so they could better serve the community. Though Navneet now works as a nurse, she continues to volunteer her time with Casa where she continues to make a positive difference in people's lives. Navneet's unique skill and compassion in bringing together communities and treating everyone with compassion is a joy and inspiration to everyone around her.

Margaret Renn has dedicated her life to educating children throughout her community. Margaret taught in elementary school classrooms for 16 years at schools in San Jose, Vallejo, and Fairfield before going on to serve as an elementary school principal in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District for 16 more years. Now in retirement, Margaret continues her passion for education by volunteering with the Solano County Chapter of the California Retired Teachers Association. In addition to her many years of service as a public educator, Margaret now spends her free time serving special needs children and adults at the Horseplay Therapeutic Riding Center in Dixon, where she has been volunteering for five years, is one of two volunteer coordinators, and serves on their Board of Directors. Through her work at the Horseplay Therapeutic Center she has the privilege of getting to see special needs riders develop physical strength, social skills, and self confidence while expanding their horsemanship skills. Margaret has dedicated herself to the education and wellbeing of others and her service in the classroom and at the stables have had a lasting positive impact on her community.

Jenn Rexroad is a fierce advocate for children and families throughout our community. As the Founder and Executive Director of the California Alliance of Caregivers, Jenn consistently fights for the needs of at-risk foster care children. Jenn was instrumental in creating and implementing a policy agenda that advocated for the rights of foster children and played a vital role in establishing numerous projects important to children and families. Her work on the Resource Families' Policy Summit and the Mental Health Services Parent Stakeholder Engagement Project has furthered the goal of improving mental health services for all children and youth statewide. Her fervent advocacy has helped to create stronger protections and opportunities for those in need. Jenn is in position to continue her vital work by

serving as a First5 Yolo Commissioner and volunteering as the Child Welfare Policy Director for the organization Children Now. Her unbridled energy and concern for those in need are instrumental in creating a more caring and compassionate community. Her work on behalf of children and families in our community will have a lasting impact on generations to come.

Jen Roberts is a passionate activist whose strong and energetic leadership has had a real impact on her community. As founder of Indivisible Colusa, a local volunteer organization focused on engaging in progressive political advocacy, Jen has been tireless in creating ways for local community members to develop their voice. In doing everything from organizing postcard campaigns to composing the Indivisible Colusa newsletter, Jen has been relentless in pursuing ways for community members to engage in the political process on the local, state, and federal levels. She has been known to regularly open her home for meetings and debate watch parties. Her courageous, thoughtful, and principled leadership has allowed Indivisible Colusa to rapidly transform from its humble beginnings in 2017 to the lively and visible presence it is in the community today. Jen is also a founding member of the Colusa County Democratic Central Committee, which held its first meeting in February 2018. Kickstarting this process, Jen was integral in establishing a Democratic party committee in one of the few California counties that didn't already have one. Jen is tireless in her efforts to engage others and ensures that those in her community have a place to develop and express their beliefs while delving into the democratic process.

I congratulate each of them and commend them for their work. I am inspired by them and firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

TRIBUTE TO ANN AND VINCE BELLIS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Ann and Vince Bellis of Greenville, North Carolina.

In October of this year they were honored by the Friends of Greenville Greenways for their efforts to champion, create, and expand the family-friendly walking, running and biking space. They have given countless hours over several years to the fulfillment of this community-enhancing project.

This couple have been honored for a lifetime of civic engagement, their incredible technical knowledge of the environment including a plethora of horticultural expertise and for unselfishly sharing that knowledge with the community.

Many citizens of Greenville daily enjoy the Greenway and I applaud the work of the Bellis' in making what was once just an idea into a beautiful reality for the betterment of our city.

IN HONOR OF JULIO BALSERA

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Julio Balsera, the extraordinary Cuban activist. He passed away last month at the age of 80.

Born in Havana in 1939, Mr. Balsera spent his early years fighting the Castro regime. He fled Cuba by hiding inside the kitchen cabinets of a cargo ship bound for Caracas in 1960, and in 1963, he made his way to Miami.

Mr. Balsera continued his activism in South Florida. He founded the J. Balsera School Bus Service, which offered children rides to school. Through this business, Mr. Balsera became a key figure in the burgeoning Cuban-American community. He got to know the schoolchildren who rode his buses and their families, and he was always happy to provide vote recommendations. He also sent his buses to mobilize voters ahead of elections and to help Cubans arriving in Florida during the Mariel exodus.

Mr. Balsera sold his bus company after four decades of business, but he continued his activism, leading the charge to recall former Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez in 2011. He was also a founding member of the Cuban American National Foundation.

Julio Balsera's influence can be seen at nearly every level of government in the greater Miami area, and his legacy of speaking truth to power will be felt for years to come. I'm proud to recognize his contributions to our South Florida community.

HONORING SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Saints Cyril and Methodius School in Lemont, Illinois, for receiving the prestigious 2019 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. The school was recognized under the Exemplary High Performing Schools category.

In 1982, the U.S. Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize public and private schools boasting high or significantly improved achievement. I am proud that Saints Cyril and Methodius School has been honored as one of those exceptional schools.

Saints Cyril and Methodius School has long been a fixture of the Village of Lemont having been founded at the same time as the parish in 1884. The mission of Saints Cyril and Methodius School is to provide an excellent Catholic education in a compassionate environment that strives to develop each student spiritually, academically, physically, and emotionally. The school offers an integrated set of courses to motivate students to understand the connection between the classroom and living one's faith. Students are challenged with a

rigorous and engaging curriculum which includes technology, art, Spanish, physical education, and music classes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Saints Cyril and Methodius School for being honored with this National Blue Ribbon School Award. This impressive achievement is a well-deserved recognition of all the work done by Principal Shirley Tkachuk, Reverend Waldemar "Valdi" Stawiarski, teachers, school staff, students, parents, and parishioners.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD WALTER HOSTETTLER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Edward Walter Hostettler, who passed away on October 22, 2019. Edward served our nation with honor and selflessness and will be missed by many in the community.

Edward Walter Hostettler was born on December 17, 1920 in Sugarcreek, Ohio. He attended Ohio State University on a 4-year academic scholarship and was a member of the ROTC program. In 1943, he graduated with an agriculture degree and joined the United States Army, serving during World War II. He served in Germany, Belgium, France, and Luxemburg. He was assigned to the Artillery, Tank Destroyer, Infantry and Cavalry Branches as a Lieutenant. In 1945 Edward was assigned to the 7th Army War Crimes Court and was then transferred to a Constabulary Unit. Edward returned home in June of 1946 and was honorably discharged in September of 1946.

Upon his return to civilian life he began teaching in Orville, Ohio, before meeting the love of his life, Merry Belle Groff. The two married in Clearfield, Pennsylvania on December 10, 1947. After honeymooning in California, Edward and Merry made it their permanent home. Together they were the proud parents of Greg, Rory and Suzanne.

Edward and Merry initially lived in Los Angeles where Edward worked as a dairy inspector. Eventually they moved to California's Central Valley. Edward worked for the Chowchilla Water District and Cal Farm Insurance. The family moved to Dos Palos in Merced County in 1964 and eventually opened their own real estate brokerage, Hostettler Real Estate. Edward also supported his wife's entrepreneurship, as she was the proud owner of House of Hostettler Antiques.

Edward always enjoyed being surrounded by family and making new memories with his children and grandchildren. The family frequently vacationed together, creating lifelong memories. He was a man of strong faith and believed in helping others in need. Edward could always be found watching his Ohio State Buckeyes on Saturday afternoons.

Edward is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 70 years Merry Belle, his brother Richard Hostettler, and his daughter-in-law Cathie Hostettler.

He is survived by his sons Greg and Rory Hostettler of Los Banos, California, daughter Suzanna Hostettler Rider of Fresno, California,

four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Edward Walter Hostettler. His presence in the community will be greatly missed. I join his family and friends in honoring his great life.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF W. GEORGE ALLEN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend, W. George Allen, a selfless member of our community who spent his life serving others. I had the great privilege of working alongside George as his law partner for many years. Throughout his more than four-decade career practicing law, he established himself as one of our state's most influential civil rights advocates. I will never forget the years we spent working together to fight and end segregation in Broward County.

George was born in Sanford, Florida in 1936. He attended Florida A&M University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in Economics, before continuing his education at the University of Florida Law School, where he became the first African American to receive a Juris Doctor degree.

Between 1958 and 1960, George served in the United States Army as a special agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps, before being honorably discharged at the rank of First Lieutenant. Following his military service, George was accepted into law school, where he became involved in social activism by organizing lunch counter sit-ins around Gainesville, Florida. After graduating and being admitted to the Florida Bar Association, he decided to open his own firm in Fort Lauderdale. Here he practiced for forty-two years, specializing in trial work, probate, personal injury, insurance defense and wrongful death.

Throughout his career, George was recognized time and again for his hard work and dedication to those around him. He was a member of the Urban League of Broward County, the NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, the University of Florida Foundation, and the Florida Bar Association. He also served as the Broward County Bar Association's president. Additionally, he received numerous awards for his achievements, including the University of Florida Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2000, and the National Conference for Community and Justice Silver Medallion Award in 2001. In 2003, George was inducted into the National Bar Association's Hall of Fame, and in February of 2005, Governor Jeb Bush appointed him to the Florida A&M University's Board of Trustees.

Madam Speaker, W. George Allen was a champion for our community and positively impacted the lives of all those he met. He was a South Florida icon, whose life and legacy has left an indelible mark on our state and nation. I want to extend my deepest condolences to his children, Jonathan, Timothy, Frederick, and Amy Carole and the entire Allen family during this heartbreaking time. W. George

Allen was a blessing to our community. I am so truly honored to have called him my friend. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING LINDY LEE GOLD ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today to join the family, friends and colleagues who have gathered in celebration of Lindy Lee Gold as she marks her 75th Birthday—a remarkable milestone for this very special member of the New Haven community.

As a Senior Specialist with the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development, a position she had held since 1998, Lindy has dedicated her professional career to expanding opportunities for Connecticut's businesses and its workforce. However, there are few members of the New Haven community who have been more involved with the City's many facets than Lindy. She is perhaps most well known for her dedication and tireless advocacy efforts—from the arts to education, local government to community development, Lindy has played a critical role in New Haven's success.

Lindy's foray into public service began with her appointment to New Haven's Board of Education where she was vice chair of the Intergroup Relations Taskforce. She went on to win election for two terms on New Haven's Board of Alders representing the 26th Ward where she served as chair of the Legislation Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee.

Lindy currently serves as board chair of the Gateway Community College Foundation, a position she has held for the last decade, as a Fellow at Yale's Pierson College, and as a member of the Executive Board of the Shubert Performing Arts Center. She is also a board member of the United Way of Greater New Haven, the Community Action Agency, New Haven Arts Council, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and the New Haven Manufacturers Association. She also was founder and the first female president of Fellowship Inc, and Cornerstone Inc., and is past president of the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven.

Lindy's civic contributions are hardly limited to New Haven. In addition to her many contributions to our fair City, she serves on a multitude of organizations across the state. Lindy is Vice-President of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut as well as a member of the state board of the Anti-Defamation League. She also holds board memberships with the Housatonic Community College Foundation, Southern Connecticut State University Foundation, JobLinks Fairfield County, Connecticut Technical High Schools, and the Women's Business Development Center.

Lindy's commitment is extraordinary and she has built a legacy of service which serves as an inspiration to many. Advocate, mentor, and friend, wherever Lindy goes she makes an impact. Her endless energy and dedication make all the difference. I, like so many others,

consider myself fortunate to call her my friend. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lindy Lee Gold on the celebration of her 75th birthday. I wish her all the best for many more years of health and happiness. Happy Birthday.

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE AND ANNA
BIGGS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Bruce and Anna Biggs of Elizabeth City, North Carolina who received the first ever Albemarle Area United Way Keel Club Philanthropy Award. For half a century the Biggs' have been giving back to the community with their time, talent and treasure by donating to numerous organizations and causes in the region as well as funding three scholarships.

Students at East Carolina University, the College of the Albemarle and MidAtlantic Christian University have all benefitted from the Biggs' generosity. Bruce Biggs had to borrow money to attend ECU for his bachelor's degree in business and being able to fund scholarships is especially meaningful to him.

Anna Biggs is a retired school teacher. Bruce and Anna have sought to give to others in a community that has been so good to them.

HONORING BOWLES FARMING
COMPANY FOR 2019 AGRICULTURE
BUSINESS OF THE
YEAR IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bowles Farming Company for the 2019 Agriculture Business Award in the Central Valley. Their contributions to the Central Valley extends to many families and to the community.

Bowles Farming Company originated in 1965 by George, Henry Bowles, and Amy Bowles Lawrence. The 3 siblings started the business and their families soon took over making it 6 generations between the Bowles and Lawrence family.

For over 150 years, the families have contributed growing food, creating jobs for many people, and having 14 different crops. They provide over a thousand jobs with over 50,000 days of farming. Their crops include cotton which is the world's only verified pima cotton, Pimacott, tomatoes that are both processed and fresh market, and almonds. Cotton like Pima or Extra Long Staple (ELS) is quality cotton, and Bowles Farming Company produces this quality crop.

Their farm is 11,000 acres and located in Los Banos, California. President and CEO, Cannon Michael is a passionate advocate for agriculture and on water. The importance of water and California's agriculture is a priority to the Bowles Farming Company.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Bowles Farming Company on their 2019 Agriculture Business of the year award. They are an influential company in the Central Valley.

HONORING THE 2019 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2019 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities.

During the last 50 years women have made great strides in America. It used to be almost unheard of to see women as elected officials, CEOs, senior military officials, doctors or attorneys, but today many of our most successful leaders in the world are women. This progress has not come easy and many women before you have worked hard and strived to achieve the independence and rights you have today. I realize there is more work to be done to ensure that women have equal pay, flexible work schedules and affordable education. Each of the honorees will be a vital part of the future successes for women.

2019's Women of the Year are:

Lynn Rolston has used her creativity, determination, and skilled leadership to have a vast and visible impact on her community. She envisioned an economic rebirth for her rural community of Esparto, if only the right community stakeholders were gathered in the same space. Fueled by this vision for a brighter future, Lynn helped found the New Season Community Development Corporation to revitalize the core business community and to deliver a higher quality of life to her fellow residents of Esparto. Under Lynn's guidance, the New Season Community Development Corp. began rehabilitating unused properties and acquiring tenants for them. Lynn's eagerness to serve her community spread from community development to every facet of her life. Lynn revitalized the Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce by injecting it with fresh new recruits from the newly strengthened Esparto business community. Furthermore, Lynn served on multiple Yolo County committees such as the Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee and the Recreation Task Force, where her efforts helped create the new Tuli Mem Park and Aquatic Center. Lynn Rolston is an example to us all on the positive effects one determined visionary can have on any community.

Beth Rowe is an active member of the Vacaville community who continues to show support and encouragement for women throughout Solano County. Beth has been an active member of the local Soroptimist International club for over four years. In her time with Soroptimist, she has mentored countless girls and actively participated in providing scholarships and grants to single mothers and young students. Beth gave an empowering

speech representing the Soroptimist International of Vacaville regarding the detrimental impact of the rape kit backlog in Solano County on the ability to bring justice to victims of sexual assault. Thanks to her speech, Soroptimist received a \$10,000 grant from 100 Women Who Care which they used to pay for the testing of old rape kits at risk of expiration. Beth has also been a fierce advocate for Assembly Bill 1496, which would mandate the testing of untested rape kits, and is determined to see this bill become law. She draws her strength and desire to help others from her upbringing which shaped her into the advocate she is today. Beth is also a member of Saving Gracie, Angel Fund for Pets, and her local VFW Auxiliary and is passionate about helping families and veterans in her community. Beth is a passionate advocate for those in her community who have the most trouble getting their voices heard.

Heather Sanderson is an active member of the Fairfield community who uses her time and talents to support and advocate for at-risk youth. She possesses the skills, commitment, and compassion to be an uplifting force for the entire Fairfield community. In her work as the Police Activities League Coordinator, she provides marginalized youths with after school programs, providing healthy food options, positive activities, and life changing opportunities. She has also introduced several programs to the community that focus on reducing violence and teaching younger generations how to navigate emotions such as fear, anger, and stress. She has developed valuable partnerships with community organizations to further the positive impact of the Police Activities League programs. Heather's generosity, kindness, and compassion make her an inspiration to all her peers. Her work has changed countless lives and left a lasting positive impact on her community.

Cherie Schroeder is an exceptional and selfless community servant whose work has had an incredible impact on Solano and Yolo Counties. As the Director of the Foster and Kinship Care Education Program at Woodland Community College, Cherie is a tireless advocate for foster youth and consistently provides support and guidance for the most vulnerable among us. For over 34 years, Cherie has put her heart and soul into this work. Her work ethic, compassion, and intellect have made her a wonderful rolemodel for all those she interacts with. In addition to her work as Director of the Foster and Kinship Care Education program, she is a longtime member of the Soroptimist International of Dixon. When she served as President, Cherie oversaw the development of the Young Woman of the Month program which recognized local women for their outstanding achievements within their community. Through this program, she mentored countless young women and ran a generous scholarship initiative. Cherie serves her community with unparalleled kindness and compassion and has touched the lives of many.

Harmony Scopazzi is a vital and appreciated part of this community. She is dedicated to ensuring that every family in Yolo County is successful, happy, and healthy. For the past 13 years, Harmony has worked for Davis Community Meals and Housing as a Family Case Manager and Volunteer Coordinator. Harmony has selflessly devoted her time and energy to the mission of protecting

Yolo County families from food and housing insecurities and is a truly valued member of the agency. She is endlessly generous, caring, loving, and respectful and she will always go out of her way to help those around her. For the past five years, Harmony has served as a foster parent, opening her home to ensure that there is a safe and loving environment for any child in need. Her service as a foster parent is one of many ways in which she demonstrates her generosity, kindness, and drive to help others. Harmony has touched the lives of countless children throughout our community and her positive impact cannot be overstated.

Julie Shuffield is a renowned entrepreneur, dedicated community servant, and strong advocate on behalf of women. Julie long ago discovered her abiding passion for infrastructure development, operation, and strategic planning. Julie has long maintained this passion for infrastructure and appreciated its role as the backbone to safety, resilience, and a high standard of living for our local communities. Her decades of experience, first as manager of External Affairs for California Independent System Operation, then as Director of Regulatory and Government Affairs, and now as Senior Consultant for Advantage Consulting, have seen her exercise this passion to ensure the highest quality infrastructure standards are met for every project in which she is involved. Her ability to respond with foresight, flexibility, and ingenuity to any and all challenges that come her way have allowed her to make significant contributions across many fields. As owner of her own S-corporation and partner at her consulting firm, Julie knows what it takes to thrive as a female entrepreneur. She used this knowledge to assist in launching a United States branch of the Hawthorne club to promote female executives in energy to C-suite and board positions. In the community, Julie serves as Chairperson of Casa de Esperanza, a shelter for victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Additionally, she has served as Co-Founder of Yuba-Sutter Back the Badge, a local law enforcement trauma and spousal support team, as well as being a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards counselor for over a decade. Through her career and volunteerism, Julie has made countless contributions to her local community.

Cathy Speck has led a life of activism and perseverance, demonstrating at every turn her indomitable spirit. Cathy has faced a great deal of hardship in her life, living with two debilitating diseases and watching much of her family do the same. Despite these challenges and more, she has consistently spread joy in her community through her music, art, writing, and infectious spirit. Cathy has also fought for righteous causes, acting as a fierce advocate for marriage equality and ALS awareness. In 2009, Cathy was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a rare degenerative disease that has claimed four of her family members already. She takes part in many efforts to raise awareness about ALS, and as a columnist at the iPinion Syndicate, Cathy further raises awareness and support for those diagnosed with ALS, using compassion and humor to discuss a difficult topic. In addition to her work as an activist, Cathy is deeply invested in community building. For the past several years, she has organized a yearly Christmas caroling excursion to Courtyard Healthcare in Davis to foster friendships and

bring smiles to long term patients. She is also a booster of the Dorothy Speck Memorial Basketball Tournament at Davis High School, the longest running girls' basketball tournament in the country. Cathy consistently demonstrates her unwavering commitment to use all that she can, from her activism to her artistic talents, to make her community a better place.

Dee Tokiwa has dedicated her life to helping others in her community. Dee works as a nurse in oncology and bone marrow transplants at Sutter General Hospital, but this demanding career never stopped her from volunteering her time in her community. For several years, she has volunteered at Alamo Elementary School in Vacaville, where she has overseen numerous activities and events. She has spent countless days with the children during their recesses where she created new games, encouraged participation, cultivated compassion, and fostered understanding amongst the students. As an advocate for education and literacy, Dee took the time to organize the district-wide Novel Knowledge program. This competition for students between fourth and sixth grades quickly became an avenue for children to improve their reading and critical thinking skills. She also served as the chairperson for the annual Scholastic Book Fairs and planned a book drive fundraiser which received enough books to fill the school library and classrooms. She contributes to her community in many ways, living up to the Mother Teresa quote by which she lives, "Not all OF US can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." She is a loving mother and devoted member of the community who exudes kindness, humility, and generosity.

Tracy Tomasky is a fierce advocate for the rights of others who consistently works to build communities of respect and acceptance. Tracy serves as the co-chair of the Davis Phoenix Coalition, a nonprofit organization that works to build diverse and inclusive communities and advocate for the rights of the LGBTQ+ members of our community. Tracy is passionate about the work she does fighting for the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals, preventing of hate speech, and promoting immigrant rights. As the volunteer coordinator of the Davis Phoenix Coalition, she always comes prepared with a plan on how to best utilize the skills of the group and bring out the best of everyone's abilities to further the organization's mission. Tracy has a rare ability to bridge divides and bring communities together to deliver positive change through collaboration. Tracy's work on behalf of those who are underrepresented has made Davis into a safer and more inclusive community that is welcoming to all. Her tireless advocacy has had a widespread and lasting impact that cannot be overstated.

Kim Travis has dedicated her career to guiding young athletes to reach for and achieve their goals. As the girls' volleyball coach at Pierce High School in Arbuckle, Kim has served as a wonderful role model to each of her students. She is a proactive coach who has worked hard to build a successful high school and club volleyball team. Her coaching style exercises team building by developing their skills and confidence, teaching her players that success comes from failure. Her role in the community is felt by all. She started a youth camp program for children between first and eighth grade, and for the past ten years, has dedicated her time on the boards of Arbuckle and West Side Little League. She also

volunteers for Pierce Pride Foundation and Dynamix Club Volleyball where she actively fundraises for sports equipment and programs. More recently, Kim organized a volleyball tournament between two alumni high school teams in Colusa to remember and honor fallen Davis Police Officer and Pierce High School alumni, Natalie Corona, bringing her community together in a difficult time. Many have come to know Kim as a leader, teacher, and friend and she has touched the lives of countless young athletes whom she has mentored.

Diane Vafis has lived for over 50 years in Colusa, where her love and kindness has touched the lives of countless people. Currently serving as the Co-Director of the after-school program operated by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Colusa, she has worked to provide after-school tutoring to fourth graders for over 12 years. Diane takes extra care to create a healthy and nurturing environment for her students, personally picking up the children after school, providing craft sessions, and communicating closely with her students' teachers to maximize their success. Broadening the impact of her investments in local education, she became a vital member and treasurer of the Colusa County Alpha Kappa Chapter of Omega Nu, which provides academic scholarships to local high school graduates. In addition to cultivating after educational programs, Diane is the Civic Beautification Chair of the Garden Club of Colusa County, which is responsible for planting and maintaining gardens in public spaces such as libraries, post offices, and the courthouse. Diane demonstrates an unwavering dedication to serving her community and serves as a role model for everyone around her.

With a wealth of business knowledge and a heart of service, Sarah Villec has become a staple in the Dixon community since first moving to California as a military spouse. She began her career with the Dixon Tribune in 1988 working long and hard hours to ensure the paper published a fair and balanced interpretation of the local news. Recognizing her leadership and management skills, the owners asked her to manage operations for the Benicia Herald, The Martinez News Gazette, and the Rio Vista River News Herald. Despite her long hours involved in her newspaper career, Sarah managed to find time to dedicate countless hours to the Dixon community. She is involved with the local Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Dixon Business Association and is the President of Dixon Family Services, a non-profit which helps families and individuals who are experiencing difficult times. Sarah Villec is a champion of women in business with a heart for public service. Strong in her mind and body, she continues to be involved in the local community and is an inspiration to those around her. On behalf of the citizens of Dixon and the people of the 3rd Congressional District, I extend my sincere appreciation to Sarah for her enthusiasm and dedication to her community and love for her family.

Tina Viramontes' commitment and love for her community as a leader is reflected by her involvement in several campaigns and community events. She worked countless hours to help pass Measure V, a local measure which would improve the roads in the City of Clearlake. She's a staple in the local youth sports community where you will often find her volunteering her time by helping at events or

providing rides to the parents of athletes who have no way to get to the games. As a community leader, Tina organized the 1st Annual Soapbox Derby, a family friendly event that inspires children and adults to create the fastest gravity-powered, or most creative vehicles, they can and race in front of cheering fans. This was especially important to Lake County in that it was simply a joyous occasion for the entire community after four straight years of disastrous fires. Tina Viramontes is a Deputy City Clerk for the City of Clearlake who has a heart for public service and a strong desire to help people. She greets everyone with a smile, a cheerful attitude, and helps them navigate through the various departments with professionalism and integrity. On behalf of the Clearlake community and the people of the 3rd Congressional District, I offer Tina Viramontes congratulations and my well wishes in her future endeavors.

Dr. Vajra M. Watson has had immense influence the community during her career at UC Davis as the Director of Research and Policy for Equity. Her poise, work-ethic, and commitment to making the world a better place stands unmatched. Dr. Watson devotes her time to creating and expanding upon various academic and community-based programs. She digs in to solve problems on the ground, putting her renowned academic research to work. Just a few of the programs that she helped develop include Sacramento Area Youth Speaks (SAYS), the UC Davis Campus-wide Equity task Force, and the UC Davis Outreach Center. Dr. Watson has been an invaluable figure for the African American Community, creating and fighting for these life-altering programs. Her work supports the education and elevation of marginalized youths from disenfranchised communities. Her SAYS program has been instrumental in helping teachers learn to incorporate authenticity in the classroom environment to engage and enrich their students. In addition to her hands-on work in the community, she has contributed to the education canon of academia with a multitude of books and peer reviewed studies. Her book Transformative Schooling addresses many of the central aspects of our time as she delves into the structure and nuances of America's education structure, as well as the necessary action that must be taken. On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District, I offer Vajra M. Watson my sincere best wishes and continued success.

Jeanine Werner has dedicated much of her life to improving the lives of children who are deaf and hard of hearing, or those that have physical and cognitive disabilities. Her empathy and drive started early in her life, leading her to begin working with these populations in high school. As she continued to develop her professional career, she never abandoned her original goal. After working with these populations as a classroom aid, she eventually took on the opportunity to work with adults and children known as "Campers". These "Campers", who are attendees of Lion Camps for people with disabilities, undoubtedly benefited from her kindness and commitment to improving the lives of those around her. Upon returning to Yuba City, Jeanine involved herself with Casa de Esperanza, a shelter for those suffering from abuse and violence. Jeanine then began work as a Counselor Advocate for the First Responder program. Shortly after, she was promoted to be Project Director for the

program because of her skill and passion. During her time at Casa de Esperanza, Jeanine transformed several programs and projects through expansive training, education, and outreach efforts. Her desire to improve the lives of those around her continues to benefit our community. On behalf of the people of Yuba City and the 3rd Congressional District, I am pleased to congratulate Jeanine Werner as a 2019 Woman of the Year for her dedication, passion, kindness, and intellect.

Kristina Wiley's dedication to helping others is unparalleled. In her tireless work to improve her community, she has served as president of Soroptimist, a non-profit organization devoted to improving the lives of women and girls across the country. In addition, Kristina has raised money for charities and even traveled to Haiti to perform dental surgery for those in need. In her work in Dixon, Kristina has raised tens of thousands of dollars for breast cancer research, donated to the funeral funds of those in need and raised \$47,000 for animal welfare. In addition to these great contributions, Kristina has devoted her time to mentoring children and even taken children in need under her wing while they get back on their feet. Kristina has also used her skills as a DDS in Haiti, traveling there 5 times in order to perform much-needed procedures on those who would otherwise not have access to dental care. Her involvement in the community has improved many lives and will continue to do so in the future.

I congratulate each of them and commend them for their work. I am inspired by them and firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

IN SUPPORT OF THE SAFE RETURN OF AUSTIN BENNETT TICE

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to Austin Bennett Tice's prolonged captivity in Syria, where he has been held since August 14, 2012; over seven years.

Austin is an American journalist who headed to Syria to work as a free-lance reporter for the McClatchy News Service between his second and third years at Georgetown Law School. A native of Houston, Texas, and a Georgetown alumnus, Austin is an exceptional young man who demonstrated his determination and potential early in life as both an Eagle Scout and a National Merit Finalist.

After graduation from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. As an infantryman, his service included tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. At the time of his capture, Austin sought to ensure that the world understood the tragic situation in Syria. Because of his dedication to our country, we owe this young man every possible effort to affect his release.

Presidential Policy Directive 30, U.S. Nationals Taken Abroad and Personnel Recovery Efforts, clearly commits the Government to working in a coordinated manner and utilizing all instruments of national power to safely recover hostages. We appreciate that commitment and were grateful when the FBI announced last

April a \$1 million reward for Austin's safe return. We are aware that the Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell has been engaged with efforts to secure his release for several years.

Madam Speaker, it has now been over four years since that Presidential Policy Directive was finalized, and we strongly urge the President and State Department officials to personally ensure that the U.S. government galvanizes its efforts and employs all appropriate means to secure this young man's safe and expeditious return to the United States.

WAR EMERGENCY PIPELINE HISTORICAL MARKER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the November 11, 2019, dedication of an Illinois State Historical Society Historical Marker for the Completion of the War Emergency Pipeline in 1943 from Longview, Texas, to Norris City, Illinois.

Before the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and entry of the United States into World War II, 95 percent of the crude oil delivered to east coast oil refineries was transported by tanker ships, with 90 percent of that from Texas oil fields. In 1942, oil tankers from the Gulf of Mexico were being sunk by German submarines at the rate of three per day. A committee appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt recommended an overland pipeline be built from Longview to Norris City.

Work began at Longview on August 3, 1942, and a dedication ceremony at Norris City was held upon completion, February 19, 1943. Newspapers and radio stations recorded the event; the newsreels were shown prior to movies in theaters all over America. The first day, 60,000 barrels of crude oil flowed into Norris City. The first trainload left Norris City the night of the dedication with 96 oil tankers.

Fifteen 80,000-barrel storage tanks and three loading racks had been built. 13,500 barrels of crude oil were received hourly on this pipeline between February 19 and September 1, 1943. The railroad hauled 124,193 tankers of oil out of Norris City. The War Emergency Pipeline put 3,500 people to work.

Madam Speaker, the pipeline's impact on the war effort was tremendous, enabling the safe and timely transport of oil vital to the allies during the height of wartime service. I want to extend a warm thank you to the Enbridge-Texas Eastern Company and The Illinois State Historical Society for collaborating to ensure an important piece of this nation's history is preserved for future generations.

HONORING MARK BORBA FOR 2019 AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mark Borba on the occasion of

his award for the 2019 Agriculturist of the Year. It is transparent that Mark's 40 plus years of continuous passion for the agricultural community.

With only 40 cows and 120 acres of land, A.J. Borba started the line of farmers near Hardwick, California. He later moved to Riverdale, California in the 1900's and started a dairy farm. A.J. with his two sons, began a row crop operation. An immigrant from Azores, Portugal, he did not realize the impact his family would make for the Central Valley.

His two sons, Ross Sr. and Darril began what we know today, the Borba Brothers Farms in 1958. Ross Sr. and his wife Justina had two sons, Ross Jr., Mark, and a daughter, Dwayne. In 1976, the family passed the business down to Mark and Ross Jr.

The family has been through droughts, different crops, and their share of hardships. Yet, they have survived and have been able to be proudly called fourth-generation farmers. Their share of crops includes almonds, tomatoes, melons, lettuce, wheat, garlic, and cotton.

Mark believes in education and was recognized for it in 1996 for the U.C. Davis Award of Distinction for his contributions and accomplishments. He helped with the Ross Borba Sr. Scholarship Endowment for agricultural college students. Mark wants people to be educated on water and agricultural issues. He constantly talks to members of the community and to elected officials about water rights issues and practices in fanning. His passion to grow for farmers and for his family is clearly shown.

In various capacities, Mark has been involved in the community. He served as Chairman of the Board at Community Medical Centers in Fresno. He was also on the board for the Maddy Institute, and a Chairman for the California Cotton Growers Association.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to congratulate Mr. Mark Borba on his recent award. His accomplishments to Fresno County made amazing impacts in the community. It is my honor to join his colleagues, family, and friends in honoring his award and achievements.

RECOGNIZING LYNNE AND MYRON MALNAA

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, Lynne and Myron Malnaa of Glasgow, Montana are a shining example of dedication and compassion. For 18 years they have been active in the Montana foster care system, welcoming children into their home anywhere from overnight to 14 years. During this time, they have adopted two children and are the guardians to another.

Lynne ran a daycare from her home for 25 years before she devoted nearly 15 years to the State of Montana Office of Public Assistance. Myron served our state as a law enforcement officer for 25 years. Together, their experiences helped them provide a safe haven, day or night, for more than 150 frightened and neglected children in need of care and love, which they have given so freely and unconditionally.

We can all learn from Lynne and Myron's decades of kindness and generosity. I am pleased to recognize Lynne and Myron Malnaa as 2019 Angels in Adoption Honorees.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF FREDDIE B. YELDER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of Freddie B. Yelder, a beloved Detroit community member.

Born July 15, 1934, Ms. Yelder spent her early years in Mosses, Alabama before moving with her husband and family to Detroit, Michigan. She quickly became a respected leader in her family, community, and church. Ms. Yelder was especially known for her kindness and generosity to others. The matriarch of the Yelder/Bain/Patton family, she cared for her large extended family, but especially her disabled brother, and as sole caregiver to her husband after he became disabled. As the owner of a party store, she never failed to donate goods and services to those in need. She never shied away from opening up her own home to others when someone needed shelter.

Ms. Yelder's openheartedness and charitable spirit were an asset in the leadership role she assumed in her forty-three years as a member and former Board of Trustees President of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church. She initiated the organizing of the church mission, which two years later led to the mission deciding to purchase the permanent structure called Sharon Missionary Baptist Church. One of her proudest accomplishments was when she successfully negotiated in the church's favor the initial selling conditions and reducing the church's costs by several thousand dollars. In addition to her work on behalf of the missionary program, Ms. Yelder supervised the "Meet Up, Eat Up" program, which fed countless children in the surrounding community, as well as the church soup kitchen, which was funded solely through her own fundraising efforts.

In short, Ms. Freddie B. Yelder's life was distinguished by her generosity, kindness, and leadership. We give honor to her memory and tireless efforts in dedication to her surviving family.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, California on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. The university is a valuable part of the community and plays an important role in educating students in the Central Valley.

Fresno Pacific University was established in 1944 as the Pacific Bible Institute in a two-story home near downtown Fresno. The

school had 5 faculty members and a student body of 28. The college's leadership took it upon themselves to expand its campus and curriculum. In 1958 land was purchased to build a larger campus, a biblical seminary and a Mennonite Brethren Church. Beginning in 1961, the biblical college expanded to a two-year institution, Pacific College, and eventually a four-year program in 1964. In 1997, Pacific College would henceforth be known as Fresno Pacific University, with satellite locations throughout the Central Valley.

The university has integrated five schools, including: School of Business, Natural Sciences, Education, a Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, and Humanities, Religion, and Social Sciences. They have over 30-degree options, 40 programs, and more than 100 areas of study. Throughout its history Fresno Pacific has experienced tremendous growth that continues to this day.

Past presidents that have helped the campus and the university's mission to grow have also left their unique mark. Samuel W. Goosen was named the first president in 1944. George W. Peters started in 1947 and introduced the importance of church missions. Reuben M. Baerg began as president in 1953 and was once an instructor in Greek and the Bible's New Testament. Bernhard J. Braun was named president in 1955 and was instrumental in developing the junior college curriculum for the university. Arthur J. Wiebe became president in 1960 and facilitated the transition to a four-year campus and increased the enrollment of students. Edmund Janzen began his tenure in 1975 and helped to expand the mission program. In 1985, Richard A. Kriegbaum was named president and under his guidance, the undergraduate program became nationally ranked. Allen Carden's leadership started in 1997, followed by Harold H. Haak in 2000. In 2002, D. Merrill Ewert became the 10th President. Pete Menjares started in 2012 and was followed by Richard Kriegbaum as he returned in 2014 to help serve one more time. Dr. Joseph Jones now serves as president for the university and continues to work to advance the university's growth and student success.

With strong leadership, the last 75 years have been tremendously transformative for Fresno Pacific University. As they continue to grow and prosper, their values of faith, spirit, and innovation has allowed them to continuously evolve.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fresno Pacific University as it celebrates its 75th anniversary. I commend Fresno Pacific for its 75 years of commitment to education and I wish the faculty, staff, students and alumni continued success.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL RAYMOND CELESTE, USMC (RET.)

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Raymond Celeste, USMC (Ret.) who has completed twenty-nine Marine Corps Marathons here in Washington, D.C. and was recently inducted into the Marine Corps Marathon Hall of Fame.

In addition to his 26 years of dedicated service to our country as a Marine, Ray has diligently served members of the military and veterans across the Third District of North Carolina since 2011, originally under Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. and continuing on my current staff.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Ray for the work he has done and continues to do for the veterans in NC-03 as well as the service members stationed at Camp Lejeune, and Marine Corps Air Stations Cherry Point and New River.

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**JONATHAN ZUMKEHR DEPARTS
FCC VICTORVILLE**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, Jonathan Zumkehr has worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons for over a decade. He began his work at Metropolitan Detention Center Los Angeles in May 2007, where he guarded inmates standing trial in federal court. After two years at MDC Los Angeles, he transferred to FCC Victorville in March 2009.

While at FCC Victorville, he became involved in improving the lives of his community and his fellow correctional officers. He worked with Be The Match to help raise awareness for finding bone marrow matches for those with blood cancers, and he supported Mothers Against Drunk Drivers in their campaign to fight intoxicated driving. Jonathan's passion for improving his community also led him to improve the lives and working conditions of his fellow correctional officers. He was successfully elected to serve as the Vice President for AFGE Local 3969, where he consistently advocated for better and safer working conditions. Among other important issues, Jonathan was instrumental in bringing to light the understaffing of FCC Victorville and highlighting the risky practice of augmentation.

Jonathan Zumkehr is an outstanding law enforcement professional whose dedication to those around him has improved lives and made our community a safer place. He will be sorely missed as he departs for AUSP Thomson, and I wish him continued success in his Bureau of Prisons Career.

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOAN
ALBERT LAWLER**

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the life of Joan Albert Lawler, a respected businesswoman and passionate philanthropist, who touched countless lives by her life and work throughout Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, and Westmoreland County, Virginia.

Born in Syracuse, New York, Joni, grew up in McLean, Virginia. After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont, she worked at the U.S. House of Representatives

on the staff of Hon. Ron Marlenee and Hon. Albert Johnson, as well as the Clerk of the House and the Territorial Caucus. The positive feeling of helping others through legislation was a foundation for her good works that she continued throughout her life. It was here on Capitol Hill that she met her husband, John. They opened a watering hole for the young political community called "The Third Party" and were active members of the Congressional Flying Club. While raising her family, Joni earned a real estate license and co-founded a financial consulting firm, East West Financial Services.

In 2005, Joni moved with her family full-time to the Northern Neck of Virginia where she used her wide-ranging experience in business and philanthropy to become a pillar of the community, admired for her leadership, generosity, and grace. She served on the boards and committees of numerous organizations, creating many fundraising events that became beloved local traditions.

She always volunteered her time and leadership, establishing successful fundraising events that became longstanding traditions, with Our Lady of Victory Church and the elementary and high schools her three daughters attended including Our Lady of Victory School, Washington Waldorf School, and St. Margaret's School where she also served on the Board of Governors. Joni was guided by her deep faith, and spearheaded a successful capital campaign to support the construction of a new church rectory and office for St. Paul's Mission in Hague, VA. She truly was a doer of good works.

A pillar in the Commonwealth of Virginia, she was always striving to make a difference. I can assure you that our nation and Commonwealth is a greater, more successful place, due to her ever-present leadership and generosity. She is an example of community leaders that we all wish to emulate.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in remembering the life of Joan Albert Lawler, a life lived serving her community. Words alone cannot express our gratitude. May God bless Joni and her family.

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CONGRATULATING BOB LOZINAK

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Altoona Curve Owner, Bob Lozinak, on being named the 2019 King of Baseball by Minor League Baseball. Mr. Lozinak of Blair County, Pennsylvania, will receive this honor during the league's winter meetings in San Diego on December 8.

In 1999, Mr. Lozinak brought baseball to Altoona. Since then, he has grown the Curve's fanbase and garnered national recognition for his work not only with the Curve, but throughout his 40-year history in Minor League Baseball.

Mr. Lozinak's passion both for the sport of baseball and for our community is an immense asset to Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District. This recognition is well-deserved, and I congratulate our "King of Baseball" on this outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING THE 2019 WOMEN OF
THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2019 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities.

During the last 50 years women have made great strides in America. It used to be almost unheard of to see women as elected officials, CEOs, senior military officials, doctors or attorneys, but today many of our most successful leaders in the world are women. This progress has not come easy and many women before you have worked hard and strived to achieve the independence and rights you have today. I realize there is more work to be done to ensure that women have equal pay, flexible work schedules and affordable education. Each of the honorees will be a vital part of the future successes for women.

2019's Women of the Year are:

Bobbi Abold is a dedicated, passionate, and invested advocate who brings over a decade of experience in education to her work on behalf of at-risk students. Bobbi currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the Yuba County Office of Education. In this position as well as during her time as Principal at Durham Elementary School, Bobbi has leveraged her unique capacity for positive reinforcement and decision making to administer critical resources and engaging programs for all her students. As a true model and champion of the very best in leadership in alternative education, Bobbi has continuously gone out of her way to improve her skills by training in restorative practices and is always challenging others to become better educators. Her inclusivity allows her to foster a positive and constructive environment for students to learn and grow as individuals, and she lends a special focus to those facing the greatest challenges. Bobbi is a passionate public servant who consistently demonstrates her unparalleled dedication to securing bright futures for her students.

Rose Mary Avila is a dedicated advocate for members of the Yuba County community. She is a highly regarded volunteer, community servant, and business woman. Rose Mary works to help the Marysville business community thrive through her involvement with the Focus on Marysville business forum. Rose Mary has been an executive member at the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement in Yuba County for 15 years and contributes her time to many events and fundraisers. Through this organization she has worked to enrich the lives of people of Hispanic heritage in her

community by awarding scholarships to Hispanic students, providing health resources and bilingual information for community members, and administering numerous other community programs. Rose Mary is also a member of the Marysville Kiwanis where she lends valuable assistance to their fundraising efforts. Rose Mary is also an active member of her church where she helps with annual fundraisers and volunteered as a catechism teacher. Rose Mary is a loving mother of two, grandmother of four, and a cherished friend to many. A lifelong resident of Yuba County, she has had a positive impact on countless members of her community.

Lisa Baker is a tireless advocate working at the forefront of some of the most pressing issues facing her community. Her activism encompasses issues such as housing, social equality, and climate change. Her efforts to provide affordable housing, connect residents with social services, improve social equity, and address issues related to climate change have had a profound and positive impact on our district. As CEO of the Yolo County Housing Authority, Lisa works tirelessly to realize the organization's mission of working to provide quality affordable housing and community development services for all. Her organization and its allies provide essential services that meet the needs of thousands of underprivileged households throughout Yolo and Solano counties. Under her leadership, the Yolo County Housing Authority works with community partners to combat homelessness and does innovative work on climate resiliency. Over the years, her organization has earned numerous national recognitions, and last year won the City of Davis Environmental Special Recognition award for ongoing work in sustainability and equity. Beyond her groundbreaking work in building climate resiliency and sustainability into affordable housing, Lisa lends her time and expertise to a variety of community organizations. She is Vice Chair of the Winters Planning Commission, serves on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Yolo County Transportation District, is a member of the Cool Davis Council of Advisors, serves on the Prop 47 Steering Committee, and is a member of the Yolo Resilience Collaborative. She is also a member of a number of statewide and national organizations focused on advocating for affordable housing in underserved communities. Lisa's passion for public service and positive impact on her community cannot be overstated.

Navjot Bala-Singh has a unique and unparalleled ability as an educator. When Navjot came to the United States in 2002, it was her dream to become an educator and share the history of Indian women with her community. The challenges of adjusting to a new culture and learning to communicate effectively in a foreign language did not stop her from pursuing her goals. On the contrary, this experience endowed her with patience and a unique perspective she could share with others. In 2010 she became a U.S. Citizen, enrolled in college, and later completed her degree in early childhood education. She became a Mentor Teacher at Yuba Community College where she shared her skills as a pre-school teacher and her passion for cultivating young minds flourished. Throughout her educational career she has learned the value of sharing her Indian culture with students and her community. Navjot now plays a leadership role in

the annual Indian Women's Teejan Meda, an event which shares the important contributions Indian women have made to national and local communities. She also plays a crucial role in putting on the annual Sikh Parade, Nagar Kirtan, which attracts over 100,000 visitors to Yuba City and provides a special opportunity to share Indian culture with the local community. Navjot and her husband lend the use of their local landmark restaurant, the Star of India, to make this event a resounding success year after year. Navjot plays an integral role in fostering cultural exchange and understanding that has helped to make Yuba City a vibrant and diverse community.

Dennise Burbank is a life-long resident of the Yuba-Sutter area with an extensive record of service to her community. Dennise is well known for her kind heart and unparalleled generosity. Fulfilling a lifelong dream to open her own business, Dennise founded Burbank Insurance in 2007. Outside of work, she spends her time doing a variety of volunteer work. Dennise and her son give their time training service dogs that are placed with children with autism all over the country. Dennise can also be found overseeing everything from the Olivehurst Christmas Parade to operating her non-profit organization SoYouCan. Under her leadership, this organization aids needy families across the county. For the last seven years, SoYouCan has partnered with the Yuba County Sheriff's Department, Olivehurst and Linda Fire Departments, and countless local schools and volunteers to put together Operation Turkey Swap. This annual event brings Christmas dinners and toys to over 250 families and 600 children, allowing those who might go without to participate in the Christmas spirit. Additionally, as President of the Marysville Kiwanis club, Dennise oversaw the BUGS program which focuses on incentivizing local middle school students to raise their grades with the promise of a new bicycle for the top-five most improved students, as well as an ice cream social for all who take the pledge to improve. In 2012, Dennise ran for Director of Public Utilities, going on to serve as President of the Board until 2015. With her vast array of accomplishments and caring spirit, Dennise serves as a shining example of philanthropic generosity and passionate service to everyone in her community.

Neelam Canto-Lugo is a community servant who has made contributions to the Yuba-Sutter area and beyond that cannot be overstated. As a retired adjunct professor of communications at Yuba College and a feminist ahead of her time, her main mission and purpose has always been to better the lives of students, children, and women in disadvantaged communities. In her two-plus decades at Yuba College, Neelam developed and coordinated the Crossing Borders—Building Bridges Events Series. Here she effectively promoted cultural, socio-political, and religious understanding through countless events and projects, including museum exhibits on the Japanese-American Internment experience, interfaith panel discussions promoting religious tolerance, as well as annual panels on women's health, domestic violence, human trafficking, and Women's History Month. Whether in the fight to reduce hate crimes in Yuba City or support women's entrepreneurship in Nepal and Bangladesh, Neelam's presence and service-oriented mindset are felt by all she meets. For her efforts, she has been recognized with numerous awards, including but

certainly not limited to, the United States President's Gold Volunteer Service Award for volunteer work in developing countries and the John W. Rice Equity and Diversity Award. Neelam's leadership has made a positive impact on women's issues locally and internationally, where her trailblazing approach to social justice, women's rights, and equity has broken many a glass ceiling.

Jill Cook has a heart of service that is clearly and consistently demonstrated in her commitment to serving those in need. In her work as the Yolo County Deputy Administrator she does just that, focusing on bringing health and wellness to the community. Jill passionately infuses her commitment to community health and wellness with her focused determination and natural ability to forge cooperation amongst partners. In doing so, Jill was at the forefront of the local Affordable Care Act implementation, secured over \$6 million in new funding through an intergovernmental transfer with the Medi-Cal managed plan, and helped the County transition to a regional public health laboratory through a joint powers agreement with two adjacent counties. More recently, Jill oversaw the completion of the Tuli Mem Park and Aquatic Center spanning 8 acres of rural western Yolo County. Her steadfast belief that underserved communities throughout Yolo County deserve access to outdoor recreation for play and exercise, inspires her to find ways of galvanizing support. Jill uses her strong public health background to champion for her community and successfully secured funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation for Knights Landing in order to provide new outdoor recreation space in her community. Jill continually seeks ways to help others and has implemented workgroups focused on improving the quality of life for residents of Yolo County. Her hard work and determination make her a strong advocate for the well-being of her community and her generosity and volunteerism are an example for future leaders.

Jenalee Dawson is a young professional who has accomplished more in her career than many do in a lifetime. She puts her unparalleled determination and focus to work as a fierce advocate for those at risk in her community, working to address issues of interpersonal violence, senior poverty and isolation, affordable housing, homelessness, mental health and substance abuse, and accessibility to services. While she is currently employed as the Resident Social Services Coordinator for the California Department of Human Development, Jenalee continuously finds additional opportunities to contribute to the well-being of those in her community. Whether it is in her role as Service Coordinator for Parkway Plaza Senior Apartments, serving as the Chair of the Solano Partnership Against Violence, or as co-organizer of the Family Justice Center, Jenalee's impactful presence is always felt. As a member of the Senior Coalition of Solano County, Jenalee was responsible for launching the Savvy Seniors Program, which seeks to avail seniors of resources and benefits for everything from budgeting to avoiding becoming the victim of fraud. Jenalee shows immeasurable strength and courage in compassionately using her own experience overcoming violence and adversity to serve as a role model for others looking to rise above difficult circumstances and build resiliency. Jenalee is a talented and

selfless individual who has made countless contributions to the lives of others and I look forward to seeing what more she accomplishes in the years ahead.

Pat Dennis has had an immeasurable impact on the town of Vacaville, where she displays a commitment to sustaining and enriching fine arts in her community. Pat has always been eager to shoulder communal responsibility and began volunteering for the North Bay Opera Guild shortly after moving to Vacaville. Here she quickly rose to become President of the organization, leading it to its peak while fostering an inviting environment at its 354 seat Opera House facility. Pat has facilitated numerous school and community outreach programs, such as the annual Young Performers Concert, while also working with the Vacaville Museum Guild to support the preservation of Vacaville's local history. Pat has logged over 16,500 volunteer hours for the North Bay Volunteer Guild and has made significant contributions to the cause of Alzheimer's research. Pat has also become a crucial part of the Vacaville Arts Council, where she holds the position of Vice President. In this position she helped to advance the organization's impact, expanding events, adding membership, and acting as an integral piece of the "Salute to the Stars" event. Pat's work in the community is invaluable and she is pillar of the community, beloved by all who know her.

Ana Dineen has continuously sought out ways to support and engage the underrepresented in Solano County. During her decades-long career as a school nurse, Ana oversaw the Healthy Start Family Resource Center in Fairfield and Suisun City. Under her leadership, the Family Resource Center has grown into a model child abuse prevention program, providing families in crisis a place to receive basic necessities, crisis counseling, and parenting education. Ana has also served as President of the Solano Children's Alliance, providing crucial insight on child and family needs to the Solano Board of Supervisors. Under the steady hand of her leadership, these organizations have continued to expand the range and depth of available community resources. Now retired, Ana founded Voces Unidas (United Voices), a non-profit organization focused on availing the Latino community of resources, including know-your-rights workshops, information sessions on obtaining proper identification, and education on human trafficking. With her tireless dedication to aiding those in need, Ana is truly a treasure of Solano County whose impact will be felt for generations to come.

Deborah Dunham has led a life of service, dedicated to volunteer work and philanthropic efforts. Deborah served her country in the United States Marine Corps, where she was one of the first four female marines to be selected for IBM's Computer Programming School and received two Meritorious Promotions. This alone would make her worthy of recognition, but her service did not end there. Over the last 44 years, Deborah has served as a professional fundraising executive, volunteer, and generous supporter of numerous charitable organizations throughout her community. She has a passion for developing and improving nonprofit organizations and consistently makes invaluable contributions with unmatched selflessness and dedication. To many, she is known for her work with Gorilla

Doctors, a joint program between the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project and the UC Davis One Health Institute of Veterinary Medicine which provides veterinary care to wild mountain and Grauer's gorillas throughout East Africa, playing an important role in saving the species from extinction. As chair of their Board of Directors, her leadership, purpose, and drive helped lead the organization to new heights. Through her efforts, she has brought international renown and accolades to our community and her work received recognition from the President of Rwanda. Deborah is an inspiration to many in our community, having effectively juggled the responsibilities of family, career, and community involvement and twice beating cancer while always maintaining her commitments to the many organizations she supports. Deborah is admired and revered by friends and colleagues locally, regionally, and around the world because when she sets her mind to it, she brings about indelible change.

Nancy Geweke Elrod has made vast and meaningful contributions to the Yuba-Sutter area over her lifetime. As a Yuba City High School graduate, Nancy went on to get her degree in Recreation Administration at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She subsequently served as sales manager for the Lodi Conference and Visitor's Bureau, before settling in as Recreation Coordinator for the City of Yuba City. During her time in this position she oversaw the budget and implemented festivities for Yuba City's Centennial Celebration while simultaneously supervising the city's youth programming and senior activities. When she decided to join the family business, Geweke Ford, in 2009, Nancy couldn't wait to continue getting involved in her community. She has contributed immensely to her family's non-profit organization, Geweke's Caring for Women Foundation, where she served as Director since 2011. This organization financially assists local women facing cancer and has now provided over 10,000 women with low-cost mammograms and women's health screenings. Under her leadership, the Geweke's Caring for Women Foundation has helped over 430 cancer survivors through numerous grants. Nancy has co-chaired the Pink October Race for Awareness for 14 years alongside her sister and under her leadership fundraising efforts have grown up to 35 percent, raising over \$150,000 each year. Nancy has also been an active member of Early Risers Kiwanis, finds time to volunteer with the Beale Military Liaison Committee, and has proudly served on the Sutter Medical Foundation Philanthropy Committee since 2009. Through her effective leadership and enthusiastic approach, Nancy has touched the lives of many throughout the Yuba-Sutter community.

Catherine Farman is a dedicated advocate for the most vulnerable populations of her community. For years, Catherine has donated her time and expertise to the Empower Yolo Board of Directors, where she has been instrumental in furthering their mission to promote safe, healthy, and resilient communities. Empower Yolo is the county's leading resource for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse. Catherine has served in numerous leadership roles at the organization, where she has helped to raise thousands of dollars, volunteered at countless events, and grown Empower Yolo's extensive network of support.

Additionally, she takes the time to inspire and mentor her colleagues, helping them to harness their own skills, knowledge, and passion to serve their community. Catherine is also the founder of the Davis Schools Foundation, which has helped every school in Davis and thousands of children over the years. She has also given her time and support to such organizations as 100 Women Who Care, the Yolo Crisis Nursery, and the Yolo County Food Bank. Catherine is a fierce advocate, caring friend, loving mother, and inspirational leader whose dedicated service to her community has changed countless lives in Yolo County.

Diana Fuentes-Michel is a dedicated advocate not only within the Yolo and Sacramento regions, but throughout the entire state of California. For years, Diana has applied her skills and expertise in higher education policy to ensure that migrant, low-income, and moderate-income students from the state of California can pursue a higher education. Diana has also been instrumental in ensuring that upwards of 50,000 undocumented students can attend college by ushering in California's Dream Act Application. Diana also contributed to the establishment of the bilingual career and college fair called Steps to College: Paseo de la Universidad, which was the first of its kind in Yolo and Sacramento counties. Diana's work as an establishing member and volunteer for the Chicano-Latino Youth Leadership Program has provided thousands of California's young Latinx with the opportunity to visit Sacramento, stay on college campuses, and participate in state government affairs. She has also volunteered her time with Cien Amigos where she helped to raise funds for the nonprofit that serves 300 students and helps administer the organization's yearly scholarship program. Diana is an inspirational leader whose dedicated service to her community has changed countless lives in our community and throughout the state of California.

I congratulate each of them and commend them for their work. I am inspired by them and firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

**CELEBRATING THE INSTALLATION
OF DR. MATTHEW GIORDANO AS
THE FOURTH PRESIDENT OF
VILLA MARIA COLLEGE**

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the installation of Dr. Matthew Giordano as the Fourth President of Villa Maria College on Friday, November 15, 2019.

Villa Maria College is a private, co-educational, Catholic college providing the support and resources needed to give students the opportunity to learn and grow with a culturally diverse population that lives its ideals of truth, charity, and unity.

Dr. Matthew Giordano, the first male, lay-person president in the college's history, assumed the role of interim president in July 2018 following the retirement of Sister Marcia Marie Garus, Villa's legendary forty-year leader. Since that time, the College launched three new academic programs including flexi-

ble business, game design and software development proactively responding to heightened employment opportunities in these growth industries. Scholarship eSports has also found a home at Villa Maria College.

This visionary leader is not only responding to the marketplace of today but ensuring the college's future growth as he and his team are creating a new strategic plan, introduced new models of governance and is developing strong connections between the Villa Maria family of students, faculty and staff.

Prior to his selection, Giordano served as vice president for academic affairs from 2012 to 2018. During that time, he played a pivotal role in planning and implementing the college's creative blueprint resulting in major enrollment growth and increased retention, launching new academic programs, including an honors program, and helping to secure grant funding in support of student success, including a \$1.8 million Title III grant.

Dr. Giordano brought his passion for teaching English and gift for student engagement to Villa in 2005 and became chairperson of the liberal arts department in 2009.

It is especially noteworthy that while he is working within the beautiful, stately walls of the Villa Campus, Dr. Giordano understands that the college is strengthened when the surrounding neighborhoods are strengthened. An anchor institution and community asset linking the borders of the city of Buffalo and the town of Cheektowaga, Villa's new president is committed to open dialogue with local leaders and elected officials to develop partnerships and initiate collaborative relationships in support of its students and neighbors.

Dr. Giordano has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Philosophy from Binghamton University and both a Master of Arts and doctorate degree in American Literature from the Ohio State University. He successfully completed the Executive Leadership Academy of the Council of Independent Colleges and the Felician Leadership Institute this past year.

He follows in the footsteps of true Felician leaders as Villa Maria College was founded in 1960 by Mother Mary Annette Guzowski and the Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province. Through extensions of charters, National and State Accreditations and significant program expansions offering real world experiences, Villa Maria College at almost sixty years of service remains a vital center of educational energy as it embraces the academic, social and careers goals of its students.

Madam Speaker, I take this time to congratulate Dr. Matthew Giordano on his installation as President of Villa Maria College. This new era in the college's history will begin with a true celebration witnessed by his wife, Jennifer Desiderio, their three daughters and the extended Villa Maria Community. We extend our best wishes for continued success as he leads this unique institution of higher education into the future.

**HONORING JAMES AND DELIA
NETTO'S 60TH BIRTHDAYS AND
40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. James and Delia Netto on the special occasion of their 60th birthdays and 40th wedding anniversary. They are wonderful members of the community and have been an inspiration for all married couples.

James and Delia Netto were born in Hanford, California—he on May 17 and she on December 30—in 1959. They come from proud Portuguese families originating from the Azores Islands. James and Delia met in church and quickly realized they had found the loves of their life. They were married on September 1, 1979 at Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Laton, California. The Nettos are the proud parents of two daughters, Danae Koprivetz and Diandra Vantrease.

Together, James and Delia founded Double N Dairy and Netto Trucking. James and his brother, Frank, then started Netto Agriculture, Inc., where Delia served as Chief Financial Officer. James now owns Penny Newman Grain Company, serving as Vice President of Sales and Production.

James and Delia are known for their service and generosity in the Central Valley of California. They were awarded the St. John Bosco Friends of the Youth Award in 2011 for their contributions to St. Rose-McCarthy Catholic School in Hanford, California. Additionally, James serves on the St. Vincent de Paul Center Board of Directors in Hanford and the couple support the Poverello House, Candle Light Guild, Saint Agnes Holy Cross Center, Make-A-Wish Foundation, among other organizations.

The Netto's favorite pastime is spending time with their family and friends, including their daughters, sons-in-law Jeff and Troy and beloved grandchildren Emma, James and Sloane. They also enjoy traveling.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating my friends James and Delia Netto as they celebrate their 60th birthdays and 40th wedding anniversary. I join their family and friends in celebrating this milestone occasion.

TRIBUTE TO PARKER OVERTON

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Parker Overton of Grimesland, North Carolina. Mr. Overton was recently presented The Order of the Long Leaf Pine on October 22nd. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is the highest award for state service granted by the Governor. It is presented to persons for exemplary service to the state of North Carolina and its communities that is above and beyond the call of duty and which has made a significant impact and strengthened North Carolina.

Mr. Overton, who grew up on Greenville, is the founder of Overton's, the world's largest

catalog of watersports and boating supplies from 1975 to 2003. He is chairman-elect of Greenville Utilities Corporation, chairman of the Board of Vidant Health Foundation, founding director and former board member of Metrics Pharmaceuticals, founding member of Select Bank and Trust Greenville and Select Bancorp, former president of the N.C. State Veterinary Foundation, member of the Advisory Board for the East Carolina University Chemistry Department and was instrumental in securing funding for the ECU School of Dental Medicine.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring this great citizen of the state of North Carolina.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS AND CONSUMERS FAIR CREDIT ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Veterans and Consumers Fair Credit Act, which extends important protections to all consumers.

In 2006, Congress imposed an interest rate cap on many consumer loans, including payday products, for active-duty servicemembers and their dependents via a bipartisan amendment known as the Military Lending Act. This rate cap has proven successful in cracking down on usury and preventing predatory lending from trapping active-duty military families in a cycle of debt.

We know that the Military Lending Act has preserved access to credit while protecting consumers from predatory payday lenders. Some states have extended these proven protections to all their residents, but my constituents in Illinois remain vulnerable to payday loans, debt collection, vehicle repossessions, and more.

Veterans and consumers deserve the same protections from vicious debt traps that active-duty service members receive, and the Veterans and Consumers Fair Credit Act will do just that.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF RODNEY KROPF

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ozark Organic Feeds and founder Rodney Kropf for the completion of their new \$13 million expansion project. Rodney was able to use savings from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to expand his feed operation, investing an additional \$10 million into the new project.

As a poultry farmer for over 36 years, Rodney knows a thing or two about hard work. Ozark Organic Feeds was incorporated in Dallas County a little more than a decade ago. Today the new 10,000 square foot facility in-

cludes four storage bins that hold over 700,000 bushels of grain.

Ozark Organic Feeds uses state-of-the-art technology to produce precision organic animal feed blends for 2.5 million hens throughout the United States. Output from their new plant operations is now yielding 2,400 tons of grain a week, enough to fill 100 to 110 semi-trucks.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Rodney Kropf for his hard work and hope my colleagues will recognize that tax cuts lead to economic growth.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NAVAL VETERAN, LT. HENRY ROSS PEROT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today during this week commemorating veterans in memoriam of Lt. Henry "Ross" Perot, of Texarcana, Texas.

When I learned of Ross Perot's passing this summer, I was saddened by the loss of a passionate and determined American patriot.

Ross Perot was a one of a kind American. His swashbuckling, Texas vintage and 'can do' spirit was irrepressible. He lived the life he chose full steam ahead. His life of service was attributed to the love that he had for our great nation, and for that of his fellow service members who make the most honorable sacrifice to serve in our armed forces. He exhibited fierce loyalty to his family and friends, and his love of our nation was encapsulated in his famous catchphrase, "It's just that simple." On this Veteran's Day, let us remember and honor Ross' military career as a Naval Officer, and the thousands upon thousands of people and institutions he helped throughout his life—most often privately with no fanfare.

From a young age Ross strove for excellence. At twelve years old he joined the Boy Scouts of America, and within a year of joining he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This is the most prestigious title achieved by very few young men who participate in the program, which develops character and a strong foundation toward a life in public service.

A proud and grateful graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Class of 1949, Ross served as a Lieutenant (j.g.) in the Navy for four years. While at the Academy, Ross was elected Student Body President, and also aided in the development of its honor system. He was assigned to the destroyer USS *Sigourney* (DD-643), and was then later reassigned to the aircraft carrier USS *Leyte* (CVS-32).

Ross was also an agent of action and gave tremendous support to veteran's organizations such as the Vietnam Prisoners of War, and the Son Tay Raiders. He most notably advocated for the hundreds of former war prisoners left behind at the end of the Vietnam war. Exhibiting the mantra of "no man left behind," Ross fought to alleviate the afflictions of his brothers and strove to provide them with better nourishment and medical treatment. He was truly a beacon of light at a time of utter darkness for so many in the military.

A man of fierce determination, Ross lived every day to its fullest. His candidacy in 1992

and 1996 for the presidency of the United States created a thunderbolt in American politics. His founding of the Reform Party brought new issues forward to the public—fair trade was among them with his firm prediction that NAFTA would create a great sucking sound of U.S. jobs outsourced to penny wage nations. That proved correct. Trade deficits with U.S. trade partners have not been balanced since and, on balance, have been increasingly larger every year. He predicted the political thunderbolt this would spawn.

Though many pundits put forth highly critical and piercing commentary regarding this businessman turned presidential candidate, Ross Perot's persistence drew attention to America's diminishing industrial base and the risks posed to the nation's innate strength as to growing U.S. government debt. By the year 2000, his drive had helped move the nation to balance the annual budget and begin paying down its long-term debt. That is, until 9/11. In response to his critics who charged him with being crazy, Ross' answer was to jubilantly dance across the stage with his wife Margot to the great Patsy Cline's love anthem "Crazy," to the sheer delight and spontaneous applause of his audiences.

One cannot reflect on Ross' life without mentioning his astounding business prowess. He established many business ventures and cutting-edge firms such as founding the Electronic Data Systems (EDS), which became a leader in record processing. He also invested in Apple founder Steve Jobs' NeXT computer and software company, which helped shape our current technological age. One of Ross' most impressive ventures was his namesake, Perot Systems. Perot Systems helped streamline record keeping for government, manufacturing, banking, insurance, and most notably health records by digitization and automation. Before being purchased by Dell, Perot grew his business to be a Fortune 1000 company with offices in over 25 countries, with more than 23,000 employees, and annual revenue of \$2.8 billion.

His business successes gave way to his unwavering support of private gifts of health and medical support to veterans and civilians, many of whom were strangers. One such instance was the National Medal of Honor Museum, a museum which he donated in an effort to highlight the sacrifice and bravery of American Medal of Honor recipients. His contributions to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center surpassed \$100 million. Perot wanted this funding to be used for the indigent and uninsured, or ill veterans and armed services members. He also donated \$2.5 million in seed money to fund research for returned veterans after the Gulf War suffering from neurological symptoms.

As we remember the life of Ross Perot during this Veteran's Day week, we remember his infectious laugh and how he was no one's fool. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family. My thoughts and prayers are with both the Perot and Birmingham families, his wife Margot, their five children Ross Jr., Nancy, Suzanne, Carolyn, Katherine, and their nineteen grandchildren. May his legacy of patriotism and service live on. And may he be granted eternal peace, though I suspect he is already rearranging heaven's accoutrements.